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SUBJ: US CANDIDATE FOR VACANCY NO. 71-115-GO

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1. U.S. CITIZEN LUBOR KARLIK CALLED AT THE MISSION TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY AT THE TREATMENT HE HAS RECEIVED IN THE UN WHERE A POSITION HE OCCUPIED WITH THE IOB WAS ABOLISHED, ONLY TO HAVE THE SAME POSITION APPEAR ON THE APPROVED MANNING TABLE FOR 1977-78-79 AS VACANCY NO. 77-114-GO. HE SAID THAT UN HEADQUARTERS IS NOW TRYING TO FORCE HIM TO ACCEPT A JOB IN VIENNA IN ORDER TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE COMPETITION FOR THE POSITION OF MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT EXPERT, VACANCY NO. 71-115-GO, FOR WHICH HE HAS APPLIED.

2. THIS MATTER WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE MISSION'S REFTEL TO THE DEPARTMENT DATED JUNE 23. IN VIEW OF OUR NOT HAVING HEARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF RAISING THIS MATTER WITH PATRICIO RUEDAS, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES. RUEDAS' RESPONSE WAS THAT, WHILE HE

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AGREED THAT KARLIK HAD BEEN ILL-HANDLED IN HIS PREVIOUS JOB, HE (RUEDAS) WISHED TO HAVE A FREE HAND TO CHOOSE FROM AMONG THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES WHO HAVE APPLIED. HE SAID, MOREOVER, THAT L. SLAUGHTER OF THE UN COMPUTER CENTER WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SOME SAY IN CHOOSING THE CANDIDATE SO THAT HE WILL HAVE TO BE CONSULTED AS WELL.

3. I NOTED TO RUEDES THAT THIS PARTICULAR POSITION REQUIRED MORE THAN JUST EDP KNOWLEDGE AND BACKGROUND. IT REQUIRED SOME MANAGERIAL SKILLS AS WELL. ON THIS SCORE, KARLIK HAS A PHD FROM STANFORD, HAS BEEN A VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE, IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL ARTICLES AND BOOKS ON MANAGEMENT QUESTION AND HAS HAD MANY YEARS' EXPERIENCE WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING WORKING AS A MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR BOOZ-ALLEN AND HAMILTON. HE HAS WORKED FOR THE UN SINCE 1972 WHERE HIS RECORD HAS BEEN IMPECCABLE AND HE FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE SHOULD RECEIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION FOR THE JOB IN COMPLIANCE WITH UN STAFF RULE 109.1 (C)(I). FINALLY, IN NOTED THAT KARLIK HAD TOLD US THAT HE WAS THINKING OF WRITING TO SENATOR RIBICOFF REGARDING THE WAY THAT HIS CASE HAD BEEN HANDLED AND I SAID THAT THIS MISSION COULD NOT BE IN A POSITION OF HAVING FAILED TO DEFEND AND DO OUR UTMOST FOR ONE OF OUR CITIZENS WHO FOUND HIMSELF IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. TAKING ALL THE FOREGOING INTO ACCOUNT, WE URGE THAT USUN APPROACH MR. SLAUGHTER AND DO ITS UTMOST TO GET HIM TO CONSIDER THE CANDIDACY OF MR. KARLIK FOR THIS JOB. SORENSON

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